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## *NEWS FROM THE 42<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT*

### Assemblyman's Message

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of "News From The 42<sup>nd</sup> District", my eNewsletter designed as a resource to help you keep informed of happenings in the State Capitol and the 42<sup>nd</sup> District. It's been a busy month, and my goal is to give you a bit of insight into the many issues we've been working on this month. I hope you enjoy!

### Community Calendar

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### **LEGISLATURE PASSES MAJOR WORKERS COMP REFORM**

With Assemblyman Koretz's support, the Legislature has passed SB 899, a comprehensive workers compensation reform bill that will achieve billions of dollars in savings to the workers comp system. Last year's reform package addressed the issue of rising medical costs and cut \$5-7 billion from insurers' medical payments. However, those savings were in large part not passed on to employers in the form of lower premiums.

SB 899 includes several provisions that are intended to reduce costs to the system including:

- \*Allows employers to establish medical provider networks from which an injured employee would choose a physician;
- \*Entitles workers to immediate medical care, rather than waiting for claims processing;
- \*Creates a system of independent medical review to resolve disputed health care claims;

\*Requires use of objective medical findings for determining permanent partial disability;

\*Replaces the "liberal construction doctrine" which instructs the system to err on the side of employees, with the direction that a preponderance of evidence applies equally to all parties;

Provides new incentives for returning injured employees to work.

Reforms from this year and last will likely cut 40% or more of insurer costs out of the system. In an Assembly Insurance Committee hearing a day before the SB 899 floor vote, representatives of the insurance industry indicated they aren't sure if the reform will result in premium reductions for employers. These statements infuriated Assemblyman Koretz who asked them why the Legislature should continue to cut insurer costs if they aren't going to lower employer premiums.

During the floor debate on SB 899 Assemblyman Koretz advocated for mandated rate relief for employers, stating, "There are lots of risks in all these proposals, but given the choice, we should err on the side of providing rate cuts for businesses, not on the side of protecting insurance companies."

Mr. Koretz ultimately voted in support of SB 899, stating, "This was the best compromise that could have been achieved with a bipartisan solution." Following passage of SB 899, the Assembly passed ABX4 16, which would provide employers with the rate relief Mr. Koretz has demanded. That bill allows the Insurance Commissioner to mandate lower premiums for the next two years if insurers fail to pass on savings to employers. As of this publication date, ABX4 16 awaits a passage by the Senate.

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### **May Declared Postpartum Mood and Anxiety Disorders Awareness Month**

-- May is a time for honoring our mothers, our sisters, wives and friends. We felt that the month of May was also an appropriate time to discuss Postpartum Mood and Anxiety Disorders. Pregnancy and the year following childbirth can be some of the most amazing and life-changing experiences ever. Postpartum Mood and Anxiety Disorders (PPMAD) can happen to anyone despite race, socioeconomic status or age.

Baby Blues affect between 75-80 percent of new mothers. This is the least severe and the most well-known of the postpartum reactions. Symptoms can include, crying for no apparent reasons, fatigue, restlessness and anxiety. This reaction usually can last as long as two weeks.

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### CONSTITUENT PROFILE—DAPHNA ZIMAN

Every year, each California State Legislator is asked to designate a resident in his or her district to be recognized as "Woman of the Year." This year, I chose Daphna Ziman and I would like to share with you a little bit about her.

Daphna Ziman resides in the 42nd Assembly District. She is the chairperson and founder of "Children Uniting Nations," a proactive organization dedicated to elevating child welfare to the forefront of the world's consciousness. CUN was founded to give the children of the world a voice to discuss the threats and dangers of abuse and environment, it relates to food, other global CUN are also millions of world without one of CUN's the public on the "need to become involved as mentors, foster parents and adoptive parents. Ziman herself is a foster parent.



nuclear weapons, the pollution of the world's the justice system as the rights of the child, population growth and concerns. Ziman and heavily focused on the children around the parents. Specifically, missions is to educate

Ms. Ziman also serves as chairperson of ABC Love (Adoption Brings Children Love), a board member of HIPPY (Home Instruction for Pre-School Youngsters), serves on the executive board of the Women's Leadership Forum and supports many charitable institutions such as City of Hope and Planet Hope.

Daphna Ziman has been recognized and awarded for her tireless work on behalf of children in many different arenas. She is an example to all of us that every person can do something to help other people, be it on a global level or for the people that live next door. It was truly my honor and pleasure to designate Daphna as the 42nd Assembly District's Woman of the Year for 2004. If you would like more information about Children Uniting Nations, please call my district office at 310-285-5490 or log on to [www.childrenunitingnations.org](http://www.childrenunitingnations.org) or call 310-271-8421.

### Koretz Named Legislator of the Year by Insurance Agents & Brokers for His Efforts to Reform Worker's Comp

Assemblyman Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood) has been named Legislator of the Year by the Insurance Brokers and Agents of the West, a trade association of independent insurance agents and brokers in Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley.

The IBA chose to honor Assemblyman Koretz this year because of his efforts to reform the workers' compensation system. Koretz is a member of the Assembly Insurance Committee and has been monitoring the issue closely and weighing in with the committee chairs and leadership on key issues. IBA representatives noted that Koretz is very knowledgeable about the complex workers' comp system.

Among other things, Koretz has been pushing to ensure that insurance companies pass down the savings that will eventually result from the reforms, so that small businesses get some relief.

"I have been pushing hard to reduce costs in the system, without doing any harm," said Koretz. "I am thrilled that the agents and brokers value my efforts this issue. I am truly honored by this recognition," he said.

The IBA West presented the award to Koretz at a luncheon their annual trade show at the Sheraton Hotel in Universal City on Tuesday, April 6th. Over 400 agents from around the Los Angeles area attended.

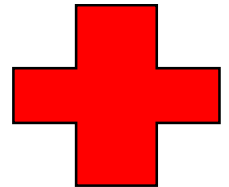
## Century City Hospital Emergency Room Closing

On Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Emergency Department at Century City Hospital closed its doors. The closure of the Emergency Department is part of a larger plan to close the entire hospital on April 30. It's anticipated the hospital will reopen later this year under new management.

Tenet HealthCare Corporation, who for the past nearly 30 years leased Century City Hospital, announced its intention to close the hospital in January and return the building to its owner. This decision was based on current market dynamics including low government reimbursement and Tenet's desire to invest in buildings that it owns rather than leases.

The community should be reassured, however, that there are a number of emergency rooms available in the face of Century City Hospital's closure. Those hospitals within a 10-mile radius of Century City Hospital include:

- Midway Hospital Medical Center
- Saint John's Health Center
- Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Ctr.
- UCLA Medical Center
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Brotman Medical Center
- Centinela Hospital Medical Center
- Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital



We are confident, that given the low volume of patients at the Century City Emergency Room, other area hospitals can more than make up for this loss. Our community is reminded, that you should only use an emergency room in a true emergency. Minor conditions such as cold, flu and low-grade fever, are best left to treatment by your primary care doctor.

### Labor History Month

During the month of April, public Schools throughout California will be commemorating **labor history week** by engaging in educational exercises that raise awareness of the role the labor movement has played in shaping California and the nation. Lessons are specifically designed for economics and U.S. government, U.S. History, world History and education and career planning classes. If you are interested in learning more about labor relations in California, please contact the Los Angeles Collective Bargaining Education Project, a model labor education program cosponsored by the Los Angeles Unified School District and the United Teachers of Los Angeles.

### Yom HaShoah

This year, we observe 'Yom HaShoah' during California's **Holocaust Memorial Week** (April 15 to April 30). This national day of commemoration memorializes the 6 million people murdered in the Holocaust. Yom HaShoah is a time to teach our children, as well as remind ourselves, about the atrocities and the denial of basic human rights that have occurred throughout history, and that we must do whatever is necessary to make sure we don't repeat our past mistakes.

## Beverly Hills Animal Shelter

As Beverly Hills and West Hollywood are incorporated cities, independent from City of LA, they must contract with the County of Los Angeles for certain services. Animal Care & Control is one such service. What this means for pet owners is if your dog or cat is lost in Beverly Hills or West Hollywood, it will be taken by Animal Control, 30 miles away to the Carson Animal Shelter and impounded. Many pets that are taken to Carson never get retrieved by owners, are euthanized and even adopted out before their owners even know that their pet is in Carson.

We need an animal shelter here in Beverly Hills and West Hollywood that will service both communities. Both communities have a very high rate of pet ownership and need the important services of an animal shelter/sanctuary. The good news is that there is a very strong and committed effort to establish a new animal shelter in Beverly Hills. Thanks to the passion and efforts of Paula Kent Meehan, Marcia Hobbs, Erika Brunson and the Campaign for a Beverly Hills Animal Shelter, there is a very good chance that our community will soon gain a new home for lost or abandoned animals.



The Campaign for a Beverly Hills Animal Shelter has been developing and researching the issue for about 3 years now and is working with the City of Beverly Hills and the City of West Hollywood to try to find an appropriate site and move forward with groundbreaking plans. I have also worked to encourage Beverly Hills and West Hollywood to work together to find an appropriate location for this shelter and will continue to support the efforts of the Campaign for a Beverly Hills Animal Shelter and the two cities to make this happen.

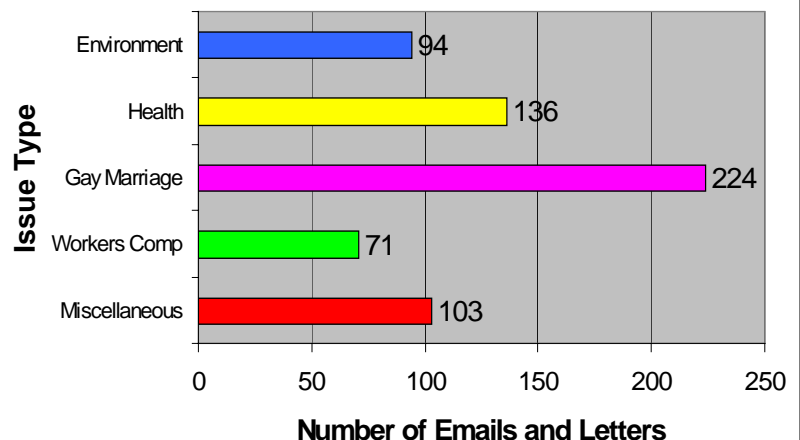
If you are interested in joining the effort to create an animal shelter that will service the cities of Beverly Hills and West Hollywood, please contact my district office at 310-285-5490. You can also get more information by logging onto [www.BeverlyHillsAnimalShelter.com](http://www.BeverlyHillsAnimalShelter.com). You may also call or write: Supporters of a Beverly Hills Animal Shelter c/o Kentquest, Inc., 499 N. Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210; voice 310-887-7070 – fax 310-887-7071; [email@beverlyhillsanimalshelter.com](mailto:email@beverlyhillsanimalshelter.com)

## Earth Day

This month, we celebrate the 34th anniversary of "Earth Day," a day designed to draw attention to the health and well-being of our environment. Earth Day activities have been, and continue to be, planned throughout the world. Combining cutting-edge information technology with traditional grassroots organizing, Earth Day 2004 is mobilizing a half billion people around the world for events and activities throughout the month of April. This year's Earth Day will highlight critical water access, health, and usage issues. The campaign is entitled "Water for Life," and its goal is to improve the stewardship of local, national, regional, and global water resources, a topic that is particularly important to California.

In California, Earth Day events have been planned on a statewide basis, as well as county by county, and in a number of cities. They span from the first activities of the California State Parks Cleanup and Restoration on April 12th, to many on the traditional day of April 22nd, and on the weekends before and after April 22nd. For more information on how you can participate in Earth Day 2004 in the Los Angeles area, please visit the Earth Day Network at their [website](http://www.earthdaynetwork.org) for more information, or call my District Office @ (310) 285-5490.

## 42nd Assembly District Issues



Our office has received 628 letters and emails, since the beginning of the year, concerning specific issues or bills that our constituents feel are important. This graph depicts the issues that are most pressing to 42<sup>nd</sup> District residents. After tallying all the different issues, supporting gay marriage was determined to be the most important issue to our constituents making up 36% of the letters we received regarding specific issues. Healthcare reform was the second biggest issue with 22%. Overall, this has been a year full of hot topics in the news and the letters we've received reflect many of these reoccurring headline stories such as gay marriage and workers comp. The vast majority of letters we receive from our constituents are on the same side of the issue as Assemblyman Koretz. It's great to know that for the most part we are representing people who are on the same page as us!



## CAUTION: WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE, SMELL OR TASTE CAN KILL YOU!

Many Californians are devoted recreational boaters who flock to our beautiful lakes and rivers as soon as the temperature warms up. Unfortunately, these families face a deadly risk they may not even be aware of. Marine engines emit dangerously high levels of carbon monoxide (CO) into the atmosphere, exposing anyone nearby to potentially lethal amounts of CO.

CO is a potentially deadly gas that is odorless, colorless, and tasteless and is found as a byproduct of internal combustion engines. CO enters the bloodstream through the lungs and displaces the oxygen needed by the body with a resulting hypoxia (suffocating) of body tissues. Symptoms of CO poisoning include rapid onset of headache, fatigue, nausea, dizziness, confusion, convulsions, and death.

Federal officials have known for some time that CO can reach lethal concentrations from generator exhaust that gathers at the stern of houseboats, but only in the last three years have they found evidence that CO can gather in deadly concentrations behind ski boats, cabin cruisers and even personal watercraft due to their propulsion engines.

The highest concentrations of CO are often around frequently sit or swim at the rear of the boat because last few years, there have been dozens of deaths adults, due to CO poisoning while they are swimming Assemblyman Koretz. "It's a very scary phenomenon

Many of the incidents have occurred at the popular Utah/Arizona border as well as Lake Havasu on the "teak surfing" or "dragging" where individuals hold on wood) and then let go to body surf the boat's wake

Three California families have recently suffered a boats. In May of 2003, 11-year old Anthony Farr of El overcome by carbon monoxide while bodysurfing 2001, 62-year- old Bruce Allen (Skip) Bauer died while July of 2000, 15-year-old Stacy Beckett of Ontario died while



swim decks and areas where occupants the exhaust ports are located nearby. "In the around the country, of both children and near or being dragged behind boats," said that everyone should know about."

recreation areas at Lake Powell on the Arizona/California border. The new trend of to the swim platform (usually made of teak seems to have increased these poisonings.

devastating loss due to CO poisoning around Dorado Hills died at Folsom Lake after being behind a family friend's boat. In September of swimming near his boat at Lake Shasta, and in bodysurfing behind a boat in Mexico.

Assemblyman Koretz has introduced legislation to prevent further tragic, senseless deaths. Assembly Bill 2222, the Anthony Farr and Stacy Beckett Boating Safety Act of 2004, will prohibit teak-surfing and will help educate Californians about the dangers of being too close to a boat's engine.

"The loss of Anthony and Stacy, two beautiful and vibrant children, as well as the loss of Skip, who was adored by his family, was absolutely devastating to their families," said Assemblyman Koretz. "Unfortunately, their families learned about this risk after it was too late -- but they are now on a mission of love. They want to make sure others never suffer the kind of senseless tragedy they have had to endure," he said.

### **PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS HIGH ON 2004 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

Workers' Comp is not the only hot issue this year. Curtailing prescription drug costs is also in high on my legislative agenda. I am co-authoring a package of bills designed to stem skyrocketing prescription drug costs. Known as the Affordable Prescription Drug Act of 2004 these bills will provide immediate options to help Californians buy affordable prescription drugs safely and give the Legislature the tools it needs to develop long-term strategies for increasing the state's purchasing power to negotiate cheaper prices.

Assembly Bill 1957 would require the state to determine if it could save many by purchasing prescription drugs from Canadian sources. The bill also would require the state to establish a Website to provide price comparisons between American and Canadian pharmaceutical drugs and to facilitate the safe purchase of drugs from Canadian pharmacies.

Assembly Bill 1958 would increase California's purchasing power for prescription drugs by pooling together state agencies, HMOs and businesses to negotiate more aggressively for lower prices.

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### **Legislature Tackles "Offshoring" of California Jobs**

In recent months, the media has focused significant attention on the growing practice of the offshoring of jobs from California to other countries. According to recent reports, nearly three million jobs have been lost in the United States during the Bush Administration. At least 15% of these jobs have reappeared overseas. This phenomenon is going to have dramatic effects on our economy and our workforce. The bottom line is that if we don't get on top of this issue now, it's going to be too late and we will never get those jobs back.

This debate will escalate in the coming weeks and months as the California Legislature considers several legislative proposals aimed at stemming the tide of offshoring. There are at least 12 bills introduced thus far in our Legislature on this issue. And we're not alone. At least 28 states have similar bills in the works. Some of the more significant bills introduced thus far to address this problem include:

- AB 664 (Correa) requires any person doing in business in California that shares personal information overseas to disclose certain information to the customer.
- AB 1829 (Liu) prohibits a state agency or local government from expending training funds or contracting for services unless the contractor or subcontractor certifies that the work will be performed solely with workers within the United States.
- AB 2715 (Reyes) requires call center employees to disclose whether the call center is located outside of the United States or whether the call is monitored by a person located outside the United States.

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## The Battle for Marriage Equality

Although it seems like a year ago, it was only last November when the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts ruled that anything less than marriage for lesbian and gay couples would be unconstitutional under state law and ordered marriage licenses to be issued beginning on May 17<sup>th</sup>. In January, President Bush indicated his opposition to gay marriage and threatened a constitutional amendment on the issue in his State of the Union Address. Sitting in the congressional gallery that night, one California mayor decided something had to be done to accelerate the granting of full citizenship rights to the LGBT community.

On February 12, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom ordered the issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Over the next four weeks nearly 4,000 loving couples were married before the California Supreme Court issued an order directing San Francisco to stop. However, the court narrowly focused its order demanding San Francisco officials demonstrate how their actions allowing same-sex marriages do not exceed the authority granted them by the State. The seven-justice court did not invalidate the gay marriages already performed, and allowed a separate action in superior court challenging the constitutionality of existing state laws defining marriage as only between a man and a woman.

San Francisco touched off a series of gay marriages in rural areas and cities across the country including Sandoval County, NM; New Paltz, NY; Portland, OR, and Albany, NY. However, all of these jurisdictions face legal challenges by their respective states from which the authority to issue marriage licenses is granted. In reaction to recent developments, many state legislatures are now considering enacting new laws or constitutional amendments that prohibit same-gender marriage.

Ultimately, it is the Massachusetts weddings, issued with the force of state law, that will likely test the constitutionality of the 1996 federal Defense of Marriage Act. This law prohibits the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages and allows state governments to also deny legal recognition of gay marriages performed in other states.

Laws like the Defense of Marriage Act and California's Proposition 22 treat gay and lesbian people differently from other citizens and are based on the premise that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is legal. The question for the U.S. Supreme Court and for the American people is, does our nation stand for discrimination or do we protect minorities and support equal application of law?

*"The Supreme Judicial Court judges in Massachusetts are not 'activists' as President Bush has charged. They are fulfilling their fiduciary duty to protect the rights of the few against the tyranny of the majority. This is how equal protection clauses are supposed to work." -- Assemblyman Koretz, 2/24/04*

## Staff Profile -- Bart Broome

Inspired by Mr. Koretz's introduction of a bill to bring Vermont-style Civil Unions to California, Bart joined the Koretz Capitol staff as a volunteer in May of 2002. Since being hired as a full time staffer in December of that year, Bart has been responsible for variety of issues from insurance to education, but it is his work on gay and lesbian issues that has been most rewarding for him.

Bart was part of a core team of legislative staffers, civil right



attorneys, and LGBT advocates working on the passage of AB 205, the Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003, that when fully implemented in 2005, will convey most state rights of marriage to registered domestic partners. "When

AB 205 was debated on the Assembly floor, all the LGBT staffers in the Capitol were at the rear of the chamber. When it passed by a narrow margin there were loud cheers, hugs, and then tears. It was a moving moment," remembers Bart.

Together for nearly 13 years, Bart and his husband Ron Regina were among the first gay couples married in San Francisco on February 12th. "Like thousands of same-sex couples around the country, we had gone to our county clerk to ask for a marriage license whether they were going to give us one or not. To our great pleasure and surprise, the clerk issued the forms and we were married moments later. It was an amazing day," says Bart.

Speaking about his work, Bart adds, "Paul has given me the opportunity to work on something larger than myself. His principled stands on behalf of workers, holocaust survivors, students, and minority rights inspire the entire staff. It is truly a privilege to work for Paul Koretz in Sacramento."

## Budget Update

The Legislature is hard at work on the State Budget, shooting for an on-time June 15<sup>th</sup> passage of the Budget Bill to the Governor.

In February, the Legislature passed measures that would implement some of the loans and fund shifts proposed as part of the Governor's mid-year spending reductions. Currently, Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittee hearings are underway, meeting daily, dissecting each line of the Governor's January Budget Proposal.

For instance, the Assembly Budget subcommittee #4 on State Administration is currently reviewing the budget requests of the State Controller's Office, the Department of Insurance and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services is discussing the budgets of the Department of Social Services and the Department of Education Child Care Licensing Office.

In early May, Governor Schwarzenegger will release the

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## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Bob Moretti Memorial Scholarship Foundation (BMMSF), now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, has announced it will be accepting applications for the Fall, 2004 semester. To be considered eligible for the scholarship, you must be a California student attending a California college or university as an undergraduate in Fall, 2004; have a demonstrated financial need; demonstrate academic achievement; interest in and/or experience with the California legislative process; and, affiliation with the State Capitol through a relative, legislator employment, etc.,

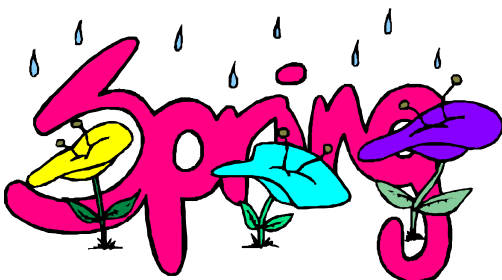
Applications for the Moretti Scholarships are currently available in Assemblyman Koretz's Capitol Office, and the deadline to apply is 5:00 PM, June 11, 2004.

### Cont'd from Page 4 – 2004 LEG AGENDA

Assembly Bill 1959 would permit legislative review of prescription drug contracts used by Medi-Cal, the Department of General Services and other agencies to determine if there are more cost-effective ways to purchase prescription drugs.

AB 1960 would regulate Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) to ensure that consumer interests are put ahead of that of the pharmaceutical companies. PBMs act as middlemen to manage prescription benefits between pharmaceutical companies and million of California consumers. However they are shielded from having to disclose details of their drug pricing contracts with their client

AB 2326 would create an annual prescription drug report card to help consumers make more informed choices about prescription drugs they use. Currently, consumers are barraged by marketing from competing drugs companies on which drugs works best. This measure would create an unbiased assessment of the effective of prescription drugs.



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At least one in every 10 women will experience a more serious and threatening reaction. There are three different types of reactions and they can include, Depression, Anxiety Disorder and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). Depressed mothers feel extreme sadness, fatigue, appetite and sleep disturbances, uncontrollable crying, feelings of "going crazy" and exaggerated highs and lows. Women with anxiety disorders can experience rapid heart rate, dizziness, panic attacks, rapid breathing and feelings of wanting to "run away". Some women also develop OCD. Symptoms can include intrusive, repetitive thoughts (which may include thoughts of harming the baby or others), obsessive thoughts (i.e., contracting AIDS) or avoidance behavior (i.e., avoiding the baby to alleviate intrusive thoughts).

Postpartum Psychosis (PPP) is the most severe and, fortunately, the rarest postpartum disorder. It occurs in about 2 out of 1000 women who give birth. Psychosis can cause symptoms like, hallucinations, delusions, sever insomnia, extreme anxiety and agitation and suicidal or homicidal thoughts. PPP requires immediate medical attention. With early intervention this disorder can be treated successfully.

Assemblyman Koretz has authored a resolution every year that would declare May as "Postpartum Mood and Anxiety Disorders Awareness Month". Awareness and education are key in recognizing and treating these disorders. Despite the large number of women who experience these symptoms, there is relatively little discussion about it and women are suffering in silence. The good news is that these disorders are very treatable and have a high success rate. With emotional support, medical supervision and talk therapy, mothers can recover and enjoy life again. If you or anyone you know is experiencing any of these feelings or symptoms please seek medical attention and contact any of the following support organizations:

**Depression After Delivery** at 1-800-944-4773 (4PPD) or [www.depressionafterdelivery.com](http://www.depressionafterdelivery.com), or **Postpartum Support International** at (805) 967-7636 or [www.postpartum.net](http://www.postpartum.net).

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May Revision to his January budget. The "May Revise" as it is known in the State Capitol, reflects updates from the personal income tax receipts received on April 15th – a critical factor in determining the resources available for the budget. The Governor typically makes changes in his budget proposal based on revenues that are higher or lower than anticipated.

With voter approval in March of Propositions 57 and 58, which authorize the state to issue up to \$15 billion in bonds to finance the state's budget deficit, the state's budget situation has improved – but there will still be a multi-billion dollar budget gap in 2004-2005 that must be addressed in the budget.

The Governor has proposed several painful cuts, fee increases or enrollment caps in multiple areas of the budget, such as K-12 Education, Higher Education, Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and Transportation, as well as a \$1.3 billion cost shift to already struggling local governments. These cuts will dramatically affect the lives of many Californians.

For instance, in Los Angeles County alone, budget proposals to cap enrollment in programs that provide essential health care services could prevent 45,000 children in working families from getting health insurance and would place 1,620 individuals on a wait list for the ADAP program, denying access to life-extending treatment for persons with HIV.

Given the magnitude of these proposals, the Legislature will carefully review each item between now and June 15th.



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- SB 1451 (Figueroa) declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that addresses the growing threat to privacy by the offshoring of work related to private medical or financial information.
- SB 1452 (Figueroa) would prohibit the state from contracting with any individual or entity that employs person or subcontractors outside of the United States in order to perform and complete the contract.
- SB 1453 (Figueroa) requires employers that offshore jobs resulting in the displacement of 20 or more employees to give 60 days written notice to the affected employees and certain government entities.
- SB 1492 (Dunn) declares the Legislature's intent to enact legislation to ensure that no work involving information that is private, confidential, privileged, or essential to homeland security is performed at a worksite outside of the United States.
- SB 1638 (Romero) requires the Governor to submit, as part of the state budget, specified information for all current and proposed service contracts.

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